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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Dr. Gary Schmitt's Headquarters Visit

1. Schmitt visited Headquarters this date basically for the purpose of reviewing an IG report in IG James Taylor's office. (He was accompanied by SSCI Staff Director Rob Simmons.) The meeting was also attended by D/OLL Clair George. Any substantive MFR will be the latter's responsibility.

2. Schmitt lunched in the E.D.R. with DD/OLL [redacted]

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Conversation focused around SSCI business: the imminent departure of Chief Counsel Vicki Toensing, the probable move to the Chairmanship of the Armed Services Committee by SSCI Chairman Goldwater (and probable departure of Staff Director Rob Simmons), and the relationship of staffers Schmitt and Tom Blau to Senator Moynihan (deal first with Schmitt on all matters affecting Moynihan). Schmitt revealed that he thinks it likely that Senator Chaffee (R-RI) will succeed to the chairmanship of the SSCI.

3. Schmitt was also taken to see [redacted] and [redacted] regarding Senator Moynihan's interest in possibly introducing legislation in the Senate offering a \$1 million reward for information on Dick Welch's assassins. Schmitt explained his need for a background briefing for himself and Minority Counsel Peter Sullivan on the assassinations in Greece and Moynihan's interest in being helpful in this matter. A briefing was arranged for the two SSCI staffers for 0900 Friday morning, 20 Jan 84.

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4. Schmitt was also debriefed by [redacted] (in the absence of [redacted]) on Senator Moynihan's recent trip throughout Central America. Discussions were held on both the arrangements themselves as well as the Senator's impressions of the general situation there. Schmitt revealed that Senator Moynihan was somewhat discomfited by being flown in a Honduran helicopter by a Honduran pilot. Schmitt recommends using U.S. pilots and

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U.S. aircraft where possible. Schmitt also recommended that where possible priority should be given to facility visits and program briefings rather than interviews with foreign nationals. He reported also that the Senator found things in El Salvador probably a lost cause, in Honduras encouraging, and in Nicaragua reminiscent of a closed Marxist society.



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